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# Finding Opportunities in Uncertain Times

Virginia Housing Commission  
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# Our Mission

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DHCD's mission remains the same —

*work in in partnership to make Virginia's  
communities safe, affordable, and prosperous places  
in which to live, work and do business*

— but the economic and policy environments  
remain challenging.

# Accomplishing Our Mission

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Support Affordable Housing Options

Build Viable Communities

Create and Sustain a Safer Built Environment

Assist Local and Regional Entities

Participate in Critical Studies

# Affordable Housing

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- Continue to oversee federally-funded housing and homeless programs amid shifting federal priorities
- Meet remaining commitments for stimulus-funded housing activities
- Revisions to Livable Homes Tax Credit (HB1950)
- Launch of Communities for Opportunity affordable rental tax credits

# Homeless Programs

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- State housing policy recommends more effective approaches to preventing and overcoming homelessness
- Greater emphasis on rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing
- Launch of Homeless Services Coordinating Council to improve state agency coordination

# Building Viable Communities

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- Continued oversight of federally-funded community development programs
- Enhanced state funding for Main Street and Enterprise Zone grants
- *Program Changes*
  - Modified Enterprise Zone Job Credit application requirements (HB 1599, SB 1348)
  - Joint Enterprise Zone redesignation process (HB2131, SB 770)
- New funding for industrial site revitalization

# A Safer Built Environment

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- Updated Building Regulations
  - 2009 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) and related regulations are now in effect.
- Defective Drywall
  - Consideration of a remediation protocol for homes and structures containing defective drywall

# Participating in Critical Studies

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- Housing Policy Framework for Virginia
- Homelessness Policy
- Access Routes to Public and Private Buildings (HJ648)